

# A Note on Algebraic $\Gamma$ -Monomials and Double Coverings

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We discuss algebraic  $\Gamma$ -monomials of Deligne. Deligne used the theory of Hodge Cycles to show that algebraic  $\Gamma$ -monomials generate Kummer extensions of certain cyclotomic fields. Das, using a double complex of Anderson and Deligne's results, showed that certain powers of algebraic  $\Gamma$ -monomials and certain square roots of sine monomials generate abelian extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Das also gave one example of a nonabelian double covering of a cyclotomic field generated by the square root of a sine monomial. In this note, we will produce infinitely many examples of non-abelian double coverings of cyclotomic fields of Das type. The construction of the examples depends in an interesting way on a lemma of Gauss figuring in an elementary proof of quadratic reciprocity. © 2002 Elsevier Science (USA)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be the free abelian group generated by the symbols  $[a]$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\mathbb{U}$  be the quotient of  $\mathbb{A}$  by the subgroup generated by all elements of the form  $[a] - \sum_{nb=a} [b]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\mathbb{U}^-$  be the quotient of  $\mathbb{U}$  by the elements of the form  $[a] + [-a]$ . We recall that the  $\Gamma$ -function is defined by

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^s \frac{dt}{t}$$

and satisfies the following functional equations:

$$\Gamma(s) \Gamma(1-s) = \pi (\sin \pi s)^{-1}$$

$$\Gamma(1+s) = s \Gamma(s).$$

For each  $a$  in  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ , let  $\langle a \rangle$  be the smallest positive rational number representing the class of  $a$  in  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\mathbf{a} = \sum m_i [a_i] \in \mathbb{A}$ . Let  $f$  be the lcm of the denominators of the  $\langle a_i \rangle$ . We define

$$\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a}) = (2\pi i)^{-\sum m_i \langle a_i \rangle} \prod_{a_i \neq 0} \Gamma(\langle a_i \rangle)^{m_i},$$

cf. [4]. We define the  $\Gamma$ -monomial

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{a}) = \prod_{a_i \neq 0} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\Gamma(\langle a_i \rangle)} \right)^{m_i}$$

and the sine monomial

$$\sin \mathbf{a} = \prod_{a_i \neq 0} (2 \sin \pi \langle a_i \rangle)^{m_i},$$

cf. [2]. Let  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}$  be the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\mathbb{Q}^{ab}$  be the maximal abelian field in  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}$ . Let  $\mu_n$  be the set of  $n$ th roots of unity in  $\mathbb{Q}^{ab}$  and let  $\zeta_n = \exp(2\pi i/n) \in \mu_n$ .

Koblitz and Ogus (cf. Appendix of [3]) found a sufficient condition for  $\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a})$  to be algebraic:

$$\sum m_i \langle a_i \rangle = \sum m_i \langle ta_i \rangle, \quad \text{for all } t \in (\mathbb{Z}/f\mathbb{Z})^\times \Rightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a}) \in \mathbb{Q}^{alg}.$$

Abusing notation, we write  $\mathbf{a} \in H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$  if  $\mathbf{a}$  represents an element of  $H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$ , the latter identified with a subgroup of  $\mathbb{U}^-$  as

$$H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U}) = \frac{\ker(1 - c : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U})}{\text{image}(1 + c : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U})} \subset \frac{\mathbb{U}}{\text{image}(1 + c : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U})} = \mathbb{U}^-,$$

where  $c$  is the involution of  $\mathbb{U}$  induced by  $[a] \mapsto [-a] : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ . We denote the torsion subgroup of  $\mathbb{U}^-$  by  $\mathbb{U}_{tor}^-$ . It was proven by Kubert that  $\mathbb{U}$  is a free abelian group and  $\mathbb{U}_{tor}^- = H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$  and in effect that the hypothesis of the Koblitz–Ogus criterion is equivalent to  $\mathbf{a} \in H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$ . By the theorem [4, Theorem 7.15, p. 91] of Deligne, if  $\mathbf{a} = \sum m_i [a_i] \in H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$  and  $\sum m_i \langle a_i \rangle$  is an integer, then  $\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a})$  is not only algebraic but also generates a Kummer extension of  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_f)$ . When  $\mathbf{a} = \sum m_i [a_i] \in H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$  and  $f$  is odd, Das found the following relations (Theorem 15 of [2]):

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{a})^{2f} = \sqrt{r} \sin^f \mathbf{a}, \quad \text{for some rational number } r \in \mathbb{Q}$$

and

$$\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a}) i^{(\sum m_i \langle a_i \rangle)} = \Gamma(\mathbf{a})^{-1}.$$

(It is easy to show that  $(\sum m_i \langle a_i \rangle)$  is an integer in this case.) Thus, in particular, Das reproved in an elementary way the fact that  $\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a})$  generates a Kummer extension of  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_f)$ . Note from the above equation that the Galois structure of the field generated by  $\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a})$  is nearly the same as the Galois structure of the field generated by  $\Gamma(\mathbf{a})$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Given a Galois extension  $K/k$ , we define a *double covering* (cf. [2]) of  $K/k$  to be a field extension  $\tilde{K}/K$  of degree  $\leq 2$  such that  $\tilde{K}/k$  is Galois. Das (Section 8 of [2]) gave a basis for  $H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$  indexed by finite sets consisting of an even number of prime numbers. Let  $H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})_{\geq 4}$  be the subspace spanned by the elements of Das's basis indexed by sets of 4 or more odd primes. Das found that if  $f$  is odd then  $\mathbf{a} \in H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$  gives rise to double coverings of  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_f)/\mathbb{Q}$  by  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_f, \Gamma(\mathbf{a})^f)$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_f, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}})$  and

$$\mathbf{a} \in H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})_{\geq 4} \Rightarrow \Gamma(\mathbf{a})^f, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}} \in \mathbb{Q}^{ab}.$$

For each pair of odd primes  $p < q$ , put

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{pq} = & \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left( [i/p] - \sum_{k=0}^{(q-1)/2} \left[ \frac{i/p+k}{q} \right] \right) \\ & - \sum_{j=1}^{(q-1)/2} \left( [j/q] - \sum_{l=0}^{(p-1)/2} \left[ \frac{j/q+l}{p} \right] \right) \in \mathbb{A}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathbf{a}_{pq}$  represents the element of Das's basis indexed by  $\{p, q\}$ . Das showed that  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{60}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{3,5}})/\mathbb{Q}$  is nonabelian. We show that the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})/\mathbb{Q}$  is nonabelian for infinitely many  $p, q$ . Under certain quadratic residue conditions we also show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))$  are nonabelian Galois extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and we determine the smallest integer  $m$  such that  $\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^m$  and  $\zeta_{4pq}$  generate a nonabelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . More precisely, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM A.** *For all odd primes  $p < q$ , if  $(\frac{q}{p}) = -1$  or  $(\frac{p}{q}) = -1$ , then the extensions  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq})/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})/\mathbb{Q}$  are Galois and nonabelian.*

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We define the *universal ordinary distribution*  $\mathbb{U}$  to be the free abelian group generated by symbols  $\{[a] \mid a \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}\}$  with relations  $[a] = \sum_{nb=a} [b]$ ,

$a \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and the *universal odd distribution*  $\mathbb{U}^-$  to be the quotient of  $\mathbb{U}$  by the relations  $[-a] = -[a]$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ . As in the introduction, we identify the cohomology group  $H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$  with a subgroup of  $\mathbb{U}^-$ . It was proven by Kubert that  $\mathbb{U}$  is a free abelian group and  $\mathbb{U}_{\text{tor}}^- = H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$  and in effect that the hypothesis of the Koblitz–Ogus criterion is equivalent to  $\mathbf{a} \in H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$ . Deligne [4] showed that if  $\mathbf{a} = \sum m_i [a_i] \in H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$ , then  $\tilde{T}(\mathbf{a})$  is not only algebraic but also generates a Kummer extension of  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_f)$  provided that  $\sum m_i \langle a_i \rangle$  is an integer.

Let  $\mathbb{Q}^{ab}$  be the maximal abelian extension in a fixed algebraic closure  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}$ . For each odd prime  $p$  let  $v_p, v_p$  be additive valuations of  $\mathbb{Q}^{ab}$  such that  $v_p(p) = 1$ ,  $v_p(1 - \zeta_p) = 1$ . The following Lemma is fundamental in the paper and will be frequently used. It follows immediately from the Kronecker–Weber theorem.

**LEMMA 2.1.** *For each  $a \in \mathbb{Q}^{ab}$ , one has  $v_p(a) \in (p-1)^{-1} p^{-\infty} \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $v_p(a) \in p^{-\infty} \mathbb{Z}$ .*

Lemma 2.1 is useful to check that a field is abelian.

**EXAMPLE.** Let  $p, q$  be distinct odd primes. We claim that the splitting field of  $x^4 - p^a q^b$  is nonabelian over  $\mathbb{Q}$  if  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  or  $b \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Suppose, say, that  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Let  $v_p$  be any additive valuation of  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}$  above  $p$  such that  $v_p(p) = 1$ . Then for any root  $\alpha$  of  $x^4 - p^a q^b$ , we have  $v_p(\alpha) = \frac{a}{4}$  and hence  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}^{ab}$  by Lemma 2.1.

For odd primes  $p < q$  put

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{pq} = & \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left( [i/p] - \sum_{k=0}^{(q-1)/2} \left[ \frac{i/p+k}{q} \right] \right) \\ & - \sum_{j=1}^{(q-1)/2} \left( [j/q] - \sum_{l=0}^{(p-1)/2} \left[ \frac{j/q+l}{p} \right] \right), \end{aligned}$$

as in the Introduction. Recall the family  $\{\mathbf{a}_{pq}\}$  forms part of a basis for  $H^2(\pm, \mathbb{U})$ . Note that the theorem of Deligne [4, Theorem 7.15, p. 91] asserts that  $\mathbb{Q}(\tilde{T}(\mathbf{a}), \zeta_f)$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\tilde{T}(\mathbf{a})^f, \zeta_f)$  are Galois extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The first application of Lemma 2.1 is the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 2.2.**  *$\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \tilde{T}(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))$  is a nonabelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))$  is a nonabelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Suppose that  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))$  is an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We start with the following equation (Section 9 of [2]),

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = q^{(p-1)^2 q/8} p^{-(q-1)^2 p/8} \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}.$$

By Lemma 2.1, if  $K$  is abelian, then  $v_p(a) \in p^{-\infty}\mathbb{Z}$ . From the equation  $\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = q^{(p-1)^2 q/8} p^{-(q-1)^2 p/8} \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}$  we have

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq}) = \zeta q^{(p-1)^2/16p} p^{-(q-1)^2/16q} \sin^{1/2} \mathbf{a}_{pq}, \text{ for some } \zeta \in \mu_{2pq}.$$

Recall that  $q > p$ . Then

$$v_p(\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})) = \frac{n}{mq},$$

for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(n, q) = 1$ . This contradicts Lemma 2.1.  $\blacksquare$

Let  $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$  be the quadratic residue symbol.

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** *For odd primes  $p < q$ , we have*

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = (-1)^{v_q(\sin(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))} \text{ and } \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{v_p(\sin(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))},$$

where  $v_p$  is any valuation of  $\mathbb{Q}^{ab}$  above  $p$  such that  $v_p(1 - \zeta_p) = 1$  and  $v_q$  is analogously chosen valuation above  $q$ .

*Proof.* For all relatively prime integers  $r, s$  with  $r > 0$  and square free,

$$v_p\left(2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{r}\right)\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p = r, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \neq r. \end{cases}$$

Hence to compute  $v_p \sin(\pi \frac{i/p+k}{q})$  (resp.  $v_q \sin(\pi \frac{j/q+k}{p})$ ), we need only check whether  $i+kp$  (resp.  $j+qk$ ) is divisible by  $q$  (resp. divisible by  $p$ ). We recall the sine monomial  $\sin \mathbf{a}$  for  $\mathbf{a} = \sum_i m_i [a_i] \in \mathbb{A} : \sin \mathbf{a} = \prod_{a_i \neq 0} (2 \sin \pi \langle a_i \rangle)^{m_i}$ . We compute

$$v_p(\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}) = \frac{p-1}{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \sum_{k=0}^{(q-1)/2} v_p \sin\left(\pi \frac{i/p+k}{q}\right)$$

and

$$v_q(\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}) = \frac{q-1}{2} - \sum_{j=1}^{(q-1)/2} \sum_{l=0}^{(p-1)/2} v_q \sin\left(\pi \frac{j/q+k}{p}\right).$$

We observe that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \sum_{k=0}^{(q-1)/2} v_p \sin\left(\pi \frac{i/p+k}{q}\right) = \# \left\{ (i, k) \left| \begin{array}{l} kp \equiv -i \pmod{q}, \\ 1 \leq i \leq (p-1)/2, \\ \text{and } 1 \leq k \leq (q-1)/2 \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \# \left\{ (i, k) \left| \begin{array}{l} i + kp = qx, \\ 1 \leq i \leq (p-1)/2, \\ 1 \leq x \leq (p-1)/2, \\ \text{and } 1 \leq k \leq (q-1)/2 \end{array} \right. \right\} \\
&= \# \left\{ i \left| \begin{array}{l} i \equiv qx \pmod{p}, \\ 1 \leq i \leq (p-1)/2, \\ \text{and } 1 \leq x \leq (p-1)/2 \end{array} \right. \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

We need Gauss's Lemma which is as follows:

*Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $n$  an integer with  $(n, p) = 1$ . Let  $S$  denote the set of least positive residues of the integers  $n, 2n, \dots, \frac{1}{2}(p-1)n$ . Let  $r$  denote the number of elements of  $S$  which exceed  $p/2$ . Then  $\left(\frac{n}{p}\right) = (-1)^r$ .*

Write

$$s(p) = \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \sum_{k=0}^{(q-1)/2} v_p \sin \left( \frac{i/p + k}{q} \right)$$

and

$$s(q) = \sum_{j=1}^{(q-1)/2} \sum_{l=0}^{(p-1)/2} v_q \sin \left( \frac{j/q + l}{p} \right).$$

Then from the Gauss Lemma we have

$$(-1)^{s(p)} = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left( \frac{q}{p} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad (-1)^{s(q)} = (-1)^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \left( \frac{p}{q} \right).$$

Hence from

$$v_p(\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}) = \frac{p-1}{2} - s(p) \quad \text{and} \quad v_q(\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}) = \frac{q-1}{2} - s(q),$$

one can find easily that

$$\left( \frac{p}{q} \right) = (-1)^{v_q(\sin(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))}, \quad \left( \frac{q}{p} \right) = (-1)^{v_p(\sin(\mathbf{a}_{pq}))}. \quad \blacksquare$$

The main application of Lemma 2.1 is the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.4.** *If  $\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = -1$  or  $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})$  is a nonabelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Proof.* We apply Lemma 2.1 and Proposition 2.3 to conclude that the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})$  is a nonabelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . ■

Proposition 2.3 and Lemma 2.1 give us the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** *If  $\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = -1$  or  $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq})$  are nonabelian extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Proof.* We fix a prime ideals  $\mathfrak{P}$  over  $\mathfrak{p} = (1 - \zeta_p)$  and  $\mathfrak{Q}$  over  $\mathfrak{q} = (1 - \zeta_q)$  of  $q$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq})$ . Write  $p = \pm 1 + 4s$  and  $q = \pm 1 + 4t$ . Since  $p = \mathfrak{P}^{p-1}\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $q = \mathfrak{Q}^{q-1}\mathfrak{B}$ , for some  $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}$  with  $(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{P}) = 1$  and  $(\mathfrak{B}, \mathfrak{Q}) = 1$ , the identity  $\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = q^{(p-1)^2 q/8} p^{-(q-1)^2 p/8} \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq} = \alpha \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}$  can be written

$$p = 1 + 4s, \quad q = 1 + 4t,$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = \mathfrak{Q}^{2sq(q-1)} \mathfrak{P}^{-2tp(p-1)} \mathfrak{A}^* \mathfrak{B}^* \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}.$$

$$p = 1 + 4s, \quad q = -1 + 4t,$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = \mathfrak{Q}^{2sq(q-1)} \mathfrak{P}^{(-2t^2-2t+1)p(2s)} \mathfrak{A}^* \mathfrak{B}^* \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}.$$

$$p = -1 + 4s, \quad q = 1 + 4t,$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = \mathfrak{Q}^{(2s^2-2s+1)q(2t)} \mathfrak{P}^{-2tp(p-1)} \mathfrak{A}^* \mathfrak{B}^* \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}.$$

$$p = -1 + 4s, \quad q = -1 + 4t,$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = \mathfrak{Q}^{(2s^2-2s+1)q(2t-1)} \mathfrak{P}^{(-2t^2-2t+1)p(2s-1)} \mathfrak{A}^* \mathfrak{B}^* \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}.$$

For the first three cases we get from Proposition 2.3,

$$2v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq}) = 1 \pmod{2} \quad \text{or} \quad 2v_{\mathfrak{q}}(\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq}) = 1 \pmod{2}.$$

For the last case  $p = -1 + 4s$ ,  $q = -1 + 4t$ , from the proof of Proposition 2.3, we have either

$$2v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}) = 0 \pmod{2} \quad \text{and} \quad 2v_{\mathfrak{q}}(\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}) = 1 \pmod{2},$$

or

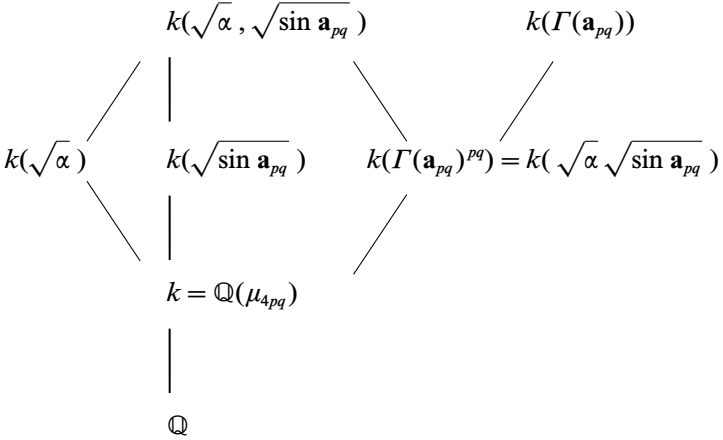
$$2v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}) = 1 \pmod{2} \quad \text{and} \quad 2v_{\mathfrak{q}}(\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}) = 0 \pmod{2},$$

hence for this case we also have

$$2v_p(\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq}) = 1 \pmod{2}, \quad \text{or} \quad 2v_q(\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq}) = 1 \pmod{2}.$$

From Lemma 2.1,  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq})$  is a nonabelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . ■

*Remark.* We write  $\alpha = q^{(p-1)^2 q/8} p^{-(q-1)^2 p/8}$ . Then for each  $\mathbf{a}_{pq}$ , we can write  $\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = \alpha \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}$ . We have the following diagram of field extensions.



Note that when  $p, q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , we have  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}}) = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq})$ . It is clear from the equation  $\Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq} = q^{(p-1)^2 q/8} p^{-(q-1)^2 p/8} \sin^{pq} \mathbf{a}_{pq}$  that  $\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{2pq}$  generates an abelian extension. Therefore  $pq$  is the smallest integer  $m$  such that  $G(\mu_{4pq}, \tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^m)$  is abelian.

### 3. SOME CONDITIONS FOR $G(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})/\mathbb{Q})$ TO BE NONABELIAN

In this final section we provide some necessary and sufficient conditions for  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \Gamma(\mathbf{a}_{pq})^{pq})$  to be nonabelian over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_n)$  and  $K = k(\sqrt{\alpha})$ ,  $\alpha \in k$ , a quadratic extension of  $k$ . Suppose that  $K$  is an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Assume that  $\alpha$  has even multiplicities at all primes of  $k$ , i.e.,  $v_p(\alpha) \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  for all primes  $p$  of  $k$ .*



Then

$$K = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4n}), \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \sqrt{\pm 2}) & \text{when } 4 \nmid n \\ \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{2n}) & \text{when } 4 \mid n. \end{cases}$$

Moreover if  $\alpha$  is unit at primes over 2 and  $4 \nmid n$  then we get  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4n})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_m)$  be the smallest cyclotomic field containing  $K$ . Using the Hensel's lemma,  $K/k$  is unramified at all odd primes and the infinite prime. If  $K/k$  is unramified at the primes over 2, then we have

$$K = k = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_n)$$

since the Galois group  $G(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_m)/\mathbb{Q}(\mu_n))$  is generated by the inertia groups. Hence  $K/k$  is ramified at a prime over 2 and  $m = 2'n$ . By the structures of the Galois groups,  $K$  is equal to one of the following fields.

$$\mathbb{Q}(\mu_n, \sqrt{\pm 2}), \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4n}) \quad \text{when } 4 \nmid n,$$

$$\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{2n}) \quad \text{when } 4 \mid n.$$

Suppose now that  $\alpha$  is unit at primes over 2 and  $4 \nmid n$ . If  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_n, \sqrt{\pm 2})$ , then

$$\sqrt{\alpha} = \beta \sqrt{2}, \text{ or } \sqrt{\alpha} = \beta \sqrt{-2}, \text{ for some } \beta \in \mathbb{Q}(\mu_n).$$

If  $\sqrt{\alpha} = \beta \sqrt{\pm 2}$  then the primes over 2 ramify in  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_n)/\mathbb{Q}$ , since  $\sqrt{\alpha}$  is unit at the primes over 2. If  $4 \nmid n$ , then it is impossible. This completes the proof. ■

**PROPOSITION 3.2.**  $[\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq})] = 2$  if and only if the Galois group  $G(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})/\mathbb{Q})$  is nonabelian.

*Proof.* One implication is trivial. We prove that if  $[\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq})] = 2$  then  $G(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})/\mathbb{Q})$  is nonabelian. If  $(\frac{q}{p}) = -1$  or  $(\frac{p}{q}) = -1$ , then this is true by Theorem 2.4. We assume that  $(\frac{p}{q}) = (\frac{q}{p}) = 1$  and  $[\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq})] = 2$ . Suppose that  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})$  is an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then we have that  $[\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq})] = 2$ . From Proposition 2.3,  $\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}$  has even multiplicities at all primes of  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq})$ . Now applying Lemma 3.1, with  $\alpha = \sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}$ , unit at primes over 2,  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq})$ , we have  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}}) = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq})$ . This is a contradiction to  $[\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq})] = 2$ . Hence  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{4pq}, \sqrt{\sin \mathbf{a}_{pq}})$  is nonabelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . ■

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